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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable E. BENJAMIN NELSON, a Senator from the State of Nebraska.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, whose patience lasts even when ours is tested, we praise You for this new day. Thank You for giving the Senators courage to battle for truth as they see it, deal with differences, and keep the unity of fellow patriots. The very nature of our system can foster party spirit. Help us maintain mutual esteem and trust without which nothing can be accomplished. Thank You for being the unseen but powerful Presence in this chamber. Keep us open to You and respectful of each other. Bear on our hearts the words of Thomas Jefferson after the contentious election of 1800: "The greatest good we can do our country is to heal its party divisions and make them one people." We dedicate ourselves to remember this today and throughout this election year.

At 3:40 p.m. today we will remember the sacrifice in the line of duty of Officer Jacob J. Chestnut and Detective John M. Gibson. Continue to bless their families. Help us to express our gratitude to the officers who serve in Congress with such faithfulness. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable E. BENJAMIN NELSON led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication

to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 24, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable E. BENJAMIN NELSON, a Senator from the State of Nebraska, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. NELSON of Nebraska thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, today will be a very busy day, which will begin with morning business until 11 a.m. The first half of the time is under the control of Senator DASCHLE, which time has been given to the Senator from Michigan, Ms. STABENOW. The second half of the time is under the control of the Republican leader or his designee.

At 11 o'clock, the Senate will resume consideration of the prescription drug bill, with 2 hours of debate in relation to the Hagel second-degree amendment.

At 1 p.m., the Senate will resume consideration of the supplemental conference report, with 30 minutes of debate prior to a 1:30 p.m. rollcall vote on adoption of the report.

Following disposition of that conference report, there will be 5 minutes of debate, equally divided on each side, on the Hagel amendment, followed by a vote in relation to that amendment.

At 3:40, as has been announced in the prayer by the Chaplain, we will remember the deaths of Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson.

Following the vote on Hagel, we will go then to an amendment to be offered by Senator ROCKEFELLER. We expect to finish that fairly quickly and then go to another amendment or two today. The leader expects to work toward completing the bill this week.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 11 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The first half of the time shall be under the control of the majority leader or his designee. The second half of the time shall be under the control of the Republican leader or his designee.

The Senator from Minnesota is recognized.

(Ms. STABENOW assumed the Chair.)

MINNESOTA NEEDS DISASTER RELIEF

Mr. WELLSTONE. Madam President, I am joined by Senator DAYTON from Minnesota and the occupant of the Chair. We come to the floor this morning because we want to communicate a respectful, sincere, and honest message to each and every one of our colleagues.

It has been my experience in the Senate over the past 12 years that sometimes you just have to fight for people—not with acrimony, but you have to fight for people. In Minnesota, 17

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